



STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF ARANSAS    §

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

## RESOLUTION #R-10-2014

**WHEREAS**, the 'signature wounds' of Iraq and Afghanistan are Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and are significant health issues for Texas Veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND), and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of these conditions are usually long lasting and often life threatening (frequently suicide), and currently there are no definitive medical treatments for TBI and the treatments being provided today are only palliative drugs and/or counseling, and

**WHEREAS**, several well-documented, more curative therapies are available, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), that offer additional, alternative, curative ways to restore affected Veterans lives and minds, and

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies have demonstrated that the untreated, lingering effects of these injures adversely impact the returned Veterans' lives, resulting frequently in destroyed families, drug and alcohol use, unemployment, mental illness, incarceration, and homelessness, and

**WHEREAS**, these results show up in society and communities as increased unemployment rates, public health care treatment costs, mental illness costs, alcohol and drug treatment costs, family breakups, and disrupted lives, and

**WHEREAS**, neither the VA, military medicine, nor Medicare will reimburse Medical Practitioners for their efforts to help these Veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Aransas County Commissioners' Court** urges the Texas State government to provide appropriate funding and focus to generate results-orientated, evidence-based, proven treatment, including *Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and other medical treatments* for returning Texas Veterans who suffer the residual, after-effects of TBI and PTSD.

**RESOLVED, PASSED AND APPROVED** by affirmative vote of the County on this the **23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014**.

*Not Present*

C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., County Judge

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JACK CHANEY, Commissioner Pct. 1

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ATTEST:

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PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, County Clerk

